

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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THERESA BROOKE, a married
woman dealing with her sole
and separate claim,

Plaintiff,

v.

VENTURE OAKS HOTEL LLC, a
California limited liability
company dba SpringHill Suites
Sacramento Natomas,

Defendant.

NO. 2:20-cv-01028-WBS-CKD

ORDER REFERRING CASE TO VDRP AND
STAYING PROCEEDINGS

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The court has determined that this case is appropriate
for an early settlement conference and will refer the action to
the court's Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program ("VDRP").

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Within fourteen (14) days of this Order, the
parties shall contact the court's VDRP administrator, Sujean
Park, at (916) 930-4278 or SPark@caed.uscourts.gov, to start the

1 process of selecting an appropriate neutral. The parties shall
2 carefully review and comply with Local Rule 271, which outlines
3 the specifications and requirements of the VDRP.

4 2. Any party that objects to this referral to the
5 VDRP shall file its objections within seven (7) days of this
6 Order. Such objections shall clearly outline why that party
7 believes that the action is not appropriate for referral to the
8 VDRP.

9 3. To avoid the unnecessary expenditure of costs and
10 attorneys' fees, this action is hereby stayed to provide the
11 parties time to complete the VDRP session. No later than five
12 (5) days after completion of the VDRP session, the parties shall
13 file a joint statement indicating whether a settlement was
14 reached.

15 4. The parties shall complete the VDRP session no
16 later than March 1, 2021. The court hereby resets the Status
17 (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference for April 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.
18 If a settlement is not reached through VDRP, the parties shall
19 submit an Amended Joint Status Report no later than March 29,
20 2021.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 Dated: December 8, 2020



23 **WILLIAM B. SHUBB**
24 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**
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